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CURRENT COMMENTS

A CLEAN-UP DAY.

Wednesday, April 2nd, has been fixed upon by the Calgary authorities for that city's annual clean-up day. Would it not be as well for our own council to fix a day for Cayley's clean-up day? The town would be all the better, healthier and more attractive. Like most other towns we have unsightly and dangerous microbe-producing spots that should be wiped out. Public health—let alone the unsightly appearance of some of these places—demands this. And would it not be a good idea at the same time to have our streets properly graded up and put in some sensible shape, instead of as at present being mud-holes and little sloughs all over when the snow melts or after a rain storm. The appearance of a town would then give a very different impression to strangers who might be passing through, and to those who may be looking for a place to settle in. And everyone living here would feel all the prouder to live in a clean and up-to-date town. We feel sure every citizen would co-operate with the authorities in this matter.

NAVAL POLICIES

Day by day the war clouds in Europe are getting blacker and blacker, and it is difficult for the most experienced diplomat to tell what twenty-four hours may bring forth. The most sceptic must admit that the "emergency" cry in Great Britain is no mere election dodge. However light some of the journals may make of Borden's naval emergency scheme, it must be apparent to the most sceptical that day by day Great Britain is getting dangerously near the real thing, and there can be no doubt the way the naval policy of Canada is being blocked gives the German war-lord every encouragement to go on his way rejoicing that the emergency scheme of Canada is nothing more than a piece of bluster, and is meant only as a bluff. That Premier Borden is determined to put his naval scheme on the statute books is dead certain, in spite of all the deep laid plots of a discontented opposition, and that, too, without being forced into an expensive and needless election. The British house of commons met with similar tactics years ago, and finally Gladstone passed effective measures by his Closure act that effectively killed all such "muckraking" as is now being perpetrated at Ottawa, and time and again the closure has been brought into requisition in the British house since that time, with marvellous effectiveness. The same thing can be done in Canada, and it would not be surprising if Premier Borden resorted to the same relief, and the opposition will have only themselves to thank for it, too. It is quite apparent to the most unsophisticated that the opposition tactics to Borden's naval policy at the present time is only done to try and force an

election, in the hopes of again getting into power. Sir Wilfrid has nothing to lose and everything to gain. He knows well enough that his own naval policy is not only the most expensive of the two, it having been demonstrated beyond a doubt that his plan will run into some \$80,000,000, but that at the present time it is practically impossible; that, however, does not count—it is power he is after. This playing second fiddle is not to his taste. But it is pretty certain that Borden will not be caught napping. When Greek meets Greek then look out. This question will be fought out to a finish at Ottawa. In the meantime the war clouds are growing thicker and faster in Europe, which promises to be the greatest struggle for supremacy in the world's history. Great Britain may have to fight it out without Canada's help—but she could fight it infinitely better with her help. No emergency! Great Scott, if there is none at present when do they expect one to arise—when the conflagration is devastating the whole of Europe, is that the time then to act, when it is too late?

Pure Seed

This is the season when farmers are securing their seed supply for the coming spring. The importance of using seed of high vitality and free from weed seeds cannot be too strongly emphasized. Very often in the past farmers, through ignorance of the quality of the seed they were using or for some other reason, have sown weed seeds.

During the past few years the Dominion Seed Branch has been endeavoring to effect improvement in the seed trade by educational work with farmers and seed dealers, supplemented by the enforcement of the Seed Control Act. This act defines the commercial grades of seeds. All timothy, red clover, alfalfa and alfalfa seed offered for sale by either wholesale or retail merchant must be graded and marked Extra No. 1, No. 1, No. 2, or No. 3, according to quality. Seed that will not grade No. 3 cannot legally be sold except for export or for cleaning. This latter clause applies to farmers as well as seed dealers. Farmers selling seed that is below grade No. 3 to their neighbors for seeding, or to dealers on the understanding that it is to be re-tilled for seeding without recleaning, are liable to prosecution, and every effort will be made to apply the act to farmers as strictly as to seed merchants.

Paper packets of vegetable and flower seeds must be marked, showing the year in which they are filled, and farmers and others purchasing such seed should see that all packets are marked before purchasing.

Seed grain, clover and grass seed, as well as root and vegetable seeds, whether in sealed packets or in bulk, must be capable of germinating in the proportion of at least two-thirds of the legal standard for good seed of the kind. Seed that will not germinate in this proportion must be plainly marked showing the actual percentage of seeds capable of germinating. Farmers having, or purchasing seed, the vitality of which they have reason to suspect, should have a germination test made of a sample of it.

Seed grain, flax, white clover, grasses and all other forage plant

seeds must be free from noxious weed seeds, or be labelled showing the names of the noxious weed seeds present. The above are the outstanding features of the Seed Control Act of Canada, and, if persons purchasing seed insist on the observance of the above rules, they will not only obtain a seed of superior quality but will do much to ward off an infestation of their farms by noxious weeds. All persons so wishing it may have their seeds tested free of cost at the Seed Laboratory, Calgary.

Consolidated Schools.

At the local legislature this week the second reading of the act to amend the school ordinance was moved by Mr. Boyle, who said that with the exception of the provision for consolidated schools, the bill contained only minor amendments to the existing school legislation. Mr. Boyle explained that financial assistance to be given to school districts was fairly generous. Where four districts united to form one consolidated school district each district's ordinary grant would amount to \$303 per annum, or \$1,212 for four. In addition the province on a basis of 80 cents per day for conveyance used for taking children to school would pay to a consolidated school district \$672.00, making a total yearly grant of \$1,884. He believed that a goodly number of school districts would avail themselves of the consolidated schools provision and that the system would be worked out satisfactory.

In reply to Mr. Michener, Mr. Boyle said that the department of education had been conducting enquiries with regard to the operation of consolidated schools. Such schools were in other provinces and for its size Manitoba had gone largely into consolidation.

In reply to a remark by Dr. Stewart, that he did not think it would be possible to hire conveyance at less than \$1 per day, Mr. Boyle said if consolidated schools had been successful under less generous treatment from the Government in Manitoba there was no reason why they should not be successful under more generous treatment in Alberta.

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NORFOLK FOLKS LITTLE ATTENTION TO HIS APPEARANCE.

Britain's First Catholic Nobleman Has Had Experiences Which Would Make a Lesser Man Spruce Up.

For a Verger at Gladstone's Funeral at the Abbey.

Unlike the majority of the aristocracy, the Duke of Norfolk pays practically no regard to personal appearance, and his general air of shabbiness has led to many curious mistakes. When he attended Mr. Gladstone's funeral at Westminster Abbey, he was mistaken for a verger. On another occasion he entered a small shop at Portsmouth, when the shopkeeper, who had advertised for an assistant, mistook him for an applicant for the job, and greeted him with the announcement: "Too late, my entry; the post is filled." To crown all, he was once taken for a beggar. The occasion was a dinner

EGGS AND NESTS.

Some Curiousities of Bird Life in Far-Off New Zealand.

One of the most curious of eggs is that of the quagga of New Zealand, writes the *Illustrated Country Gentleman*. The size of the egg is cut out of all proportion to the bird. It is no large egg. It is affirmed that the egg cannot be replaced in the skeleton without breaking the skull. The egg is oval, and the hatched bird is a small, downy creature. The egg is laid in a hole in the ground, and the bird is hatched in the hole. The egg is laid in a hole in the ground, and the bird is hatched in the hole.

These birds do not brood, and the hatching of the eggs is, therefore, due to the warmth of the sand, and the hatching is not a rare occurrence. The bird is a small, downy creature, and the hatching is not a rare occurrence. The bird is a small, downy creature, and the hatching is not a rare occurrence.

DUKE OF NORFOLK.

The Duke of Norfolk, a member of the House of Lords, is a member of the House of Lords. He is a member of the House of Lords, and he is a member of the House of Lords. He is a member of the House of Lords, and he is a member of the House of Lords.

Reeves and Toole.

Sims Reeves told this story in "Reminiscences." He told this story in "Reminiscences." He told this story in "Reminiscences." He told this story in "Reminiscences."

"Father O'Flynn."

Lecturing at the University College of South Wales on "Songs of Old Ireland," Mr. A. Percival Graves, the author of "Father O'Flynn," gave an interesting account of the origin of the song, which, he said, his name was already too long identified.

Beauty Patch Revisited.

Patches have arrived in London. A period of new beauty patches has begun, with the flower girls, the painter and feminine laids, and the ribbon and bows come the power and the power.

A Tall Family.

Mrs. Sophia Hill, of Hornsey, Eng., has a family of six sons and daughters. The eldest son is a tall, thin, and the eldest son is a tall, thin, and the eldest son is a tall, thin.

Bovine Triplets.

A cow belonging to Mrs. Williams, of Manchester, was delivered of three calves, which have just given birth to three better calves. All are doing

THE HUSTLER, CAYLEY, ALBERTA.

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PEACE AT LAST.

Where Famous Treaties Have Been Signed.

The French capital has been the scene of several peace pacts, some of which have had a mighty influence on the history of the world. The French capital has been the scene of several peace pacts, some of which have had a mighty influence on the history of the world.

At a period when The Hague has become the synonym of peace it is interesting to remember that at Rywyl, a village two miles from the Dutch capital, was drawn up the treaty which ended the long and bloody war between William III. of England and Louis XIV. of France.

Aix-la-Chapelle, the German city known as its capital by Charlemagne, has been the scene of several peace pacts, some of which have had a mighty influence on the history of the world.

Britain's Heaviest Man.

It may be that the heaviest man in the country is a heavy subject of King George, but so far as we know, the heaviest man in the world is a heavy subject of King George.

Profits of the Mint.

Judge Rentoul, examining a Mint official in court case, which came before him the other day in London, said that the profits of the Mint are 6d. in the making.

With a Sense of Humor.

Authors with enough real sense of humor to tell good stories on themselves are not numerous. The late journalist and world wanderer, has a sense of humor.

Melba as a Whistler.

Mme. Melba is to have her portrait hung in the national gallery of London. The portrait is to be a portrait of Mme. Melba as a whistler.

Women in Mills.

Of the nearly 900,000 women employed in the textile industries in England, about one-third are employed in the textile industries.

HE WANTED IT.

The Prisoner Hated To Lose the Irrevocable Evidence.

"A Circuit Train," in "Pitt-Poe's" story, was a man named who was the eloquence of detaining order in a murder trial. The real question was not whether the man was guilty, but whether he was the man.

An ordinary black bowler hat, gentlemen, such as most men wear, such as many of us wear ourselves. It is upon evidence of this kind that the jury is to be guided.

Here is another story from "Pitt-Poe's" story, which was more curious in regard to his profession than the first.

Not In Sight.

A countryman turned Street owned a dog. The dog was a dog. The dog was a dog. The dog was a dog.

Reine at His Work.

Reine, the French writer, composed his story, which was a story. The story was a story. The story was a story.

Accepted the Going.

An Irishman was asleep along the road when an angry bull rushed at him. The Irishman, recovering from his sleep, accepted the going.

Swiss Chimney Sweeps.

There are some strange things to be seen in Switzerland, states *The World Magazine*, but nothing stranger than the chimney sweeps of the country.

Compassionate Nature.

"I haven't much objection to you personally," said Mr. Cornwell, "but I have a great deal of objection to your nature."

Tiny Lichenstein.

Lichenstein, the smallest of Europe's seven states, has a small parliament, but no taxes and no army.

Curiosity.

Curiosity is finding out something about somebody else that doesn't concern him, which would give him no pleasure if he found out.

Time To Go Home.

"Well, dear, I guess the honeymoon is over," said the husband to the wife.

IN HARNESS 34 YEARS

P. G. KEYES LAYS DOWN DUTIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

Veteran Secretary of the Department of the Interior Has Retired After a Busy Life Work at Ottawa—Has Been an Ardent Horticulturist and a Lover of the Fine Arts and Flowers.

The recent retirement of Percy G. Keyes, secretary of the Department of the Interior, was marked by a demonstration of the respect and esteem of his associates in the Department, with which he had been connected more than 34 years. His associates felt that they could not allow the occasion to pass without giving him some token of their regard and appreciation—something which would link the future with the past and serve to remind him of the friends from whom he has separated.

Mr. Keyes was born at Palmyra, Ont., Feb. 18, 1853, a son of Corrie G. Keyes, who with his father, Percy G. Keyes, was a prominent horticulturist in New York, N.Y., in 1877, and settled in Ottawa, Kan., where he was engaged in education in the public and high schools of his native province and later attended a business college, graduating in 1879.

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Speakers Long Lived.

Although the Speaker's office is an exhausting one, all its holders of record, except one, have lived to a good old age. Lord Selby, Lord Bunsford, and Lord Bunsford were Speakers of the House of Commons.

